

# THE FORT MILL TIMES.

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## STATE NEWS ARRANGED FOR QUICK READING.

The plant of the Camden Brick company, at Camden, was destroyed by fire at 2 o'clock on Thursday, the loss being \$20,000. The fire was thought to have been started by a switch engine which had been there a short time before.

Receipts from corporations and individuals under the income tax law for the fiscal year ending June 30, as made public by Commissioner Osborn, show that \$102,126.32 was collected in this State for corporation excise and tax and \$25,816.08 from individual incomes.

While picking beans from her garden Saturday, Mrs. J. T. Hance, a Lancaster county lady, was bitten on the thumb by a large copperhead snake. Her hand and arm turned perfectly black from the poison, but with medical attention she soon began to improve and at last reports it was thought she would recover.

Crop prospects in Cherokee county are said to be excellent at this time. The corn crop in most sections of the county is practically made, and one or two more rains will be sufficient to insure a good crop throughout the entire county.

Baird Witherspoon, a Lancaster county negro who was shot several weeks ago by a negro named Foster, died Saturday from his wounds. Foster had been out of jail for some time on bond but was rearrested.

Congressman Jos. T. Johnson was given an ovation Friday at Spartanburg in the meeting of the R. F. D. Carriers. Next year's annual meeting of the association will be held in Florence.

John G. Richards was given a stormy reception by the Richland county audience Saturday when he declared his intention to vote for Governor Blease for the United States Senate. His declaration brought forth hisses, cat-calls, whistling, stamping of feet, and some cheers from the audience.

Wednesday and Thursday, October 21 and 22, are the dates selected for the Chester county fair this fall. The management is already actively at work, and the outlook for the exhibition is particularly encouraging.

### Cheaper School Books.

A new and economical way out of the State text book dilemma which is disturbing the Georgia legislature at this session is offered by Dudley M. Hughes, congressman from Georgia, in a bill introduced in the national house. The bill provides that the State official or board in charge of public instruction in any State may send to the public printer at Washington the manuscript of any book to be used in the elementary schools and the public printer shall print and bind as many of the books as are necessary and supply to the State at cost.

Mr. Hughes made inquiries and found that the government could publish such books at a figure far below the cost of regular firms and that it would be entirely feasible to have the government office do the work.

### Rock Hill's Enrollment.

About 900 names had, up to Saturday, been enrolled on the books of the two Democratic clubs in Rock Hill. Two years ago the enrollment reached 1,900, and about 1,500 votes were polled in the primary. The secretaries of the clubs are of the opinion that the enrollment in the two clubs this year will not be more than 1,200, which doubtless means that about 900 or 1,000 votes will be cast in the primary, or probably 500 less than were cast two years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Yongue and child, of Piedmont, are guests at the home of Mrs. R. A. Yongue in this city.

## A PROCLAMATION

BY THE MAYOR OF FORT MILL, S. C.

To Whom This May Come, GREETING:

Whereas, sundry and divers persons have come to me with representations to the effect that it has been a number of years since our people have laid dull care aside and joined together to mingle and greet and felicitate as has been our wont in past years and

Whereas, the dull, hot days of the Summer have an enervating effect upon our people and it is felt that healthful recreation is essential in such circumstances and

Whereas, we desire to show to our neighbors of York and the adjoining counties and elsewhere throughout our State and the adjoining States that the splendid hospitality for which our town and community have ever been famous is in no manner diminished and

Whereas, not being a selfish people, we desire that others shall share in the pleasures of being in Fort Mill, for a time at least—a pleasure which we enjoy every day, now.

Therefore, by the power vested in me and with the knowledge and consent of the town council, I, A. R. McElhaney, Mayor of the town of Fort Mill, do hereby set aside **Wednesday, the 5th of August, 1914**, as a holiday and do earnestly request that business of every kind and nature within the limits of the town be suspended between the hours of 9 a. m. and 4 p. m.; that all our people gather together in a place to be selected by the committee appointed for that purpose, bringing baskets of provisions of every kind and sort, together with all the members of their families; that this be considered an invitation to all our friends throughout the community, the county, and the State; that a picnic dinner be served and that amusements be furnished throughout the day, a program of which shall be published hereafter.

To the end that everything may be done well and in order, I do hereby appoint the committees named below and request that the members of each act promptly, wisely and well.

Done this 1st day of July, 1914.

A. R. McELHANEY, Mayor.

### COMMITTEES

Invitations—W. B. Meacham, Jr., E. Franklin Phillips, A. C. Lytle, Edward White, I. S. Matthews.

Barbecue—K. Shannon, Ira G. Smythe, D. G. Kimbrell, J. P. Crowder.

Sports—F. M. Mack, W. A. Hafner, W. F. Lewis, W. L. Ferguson, W. M. Carothers, W. P. Crayton, W. F. Harris.

Refreshments—A. O. Jones, T. G. Moser, L. J. Massey, A. B. Sheppard, E. S. Parks, William White, J. T. Young.

Program—J. L. Spratt, W. B. Ardrey, L. A. Harris, S. W. Parks, J. J. Bailes, J. B. Mills, B. W. Bradford, S. A. Epps.

Music—F. E. Ardrey, W. A. Roach, S. A. Lee, H. D. Harkey.

Transportation—S. L. Meacham, J. H. McMurray, T. F. Lytle, E. W. Kimbrell, Alexander Barber.

Grounds—Fred Nims, Osmond Barber, T. B. Spratt, T. S. Kirkpatrick, W. B. Hoke.

Tables—R. E. McKibbin, A. A. Bradford, J. N. McAteer, W. J. Steele, C. W. Eason.

Decorations—J. B. Elliott, D. A. Lee, N. L. Carothers.

Speakers—E. W. Russell, J. W. Ardrey, B. F. Massey, Jr., O. W. Potts, S. E. Bailes.

Finance—W. B. Meacham, Sr., C. S. Link, W. L. Hall, R. P. Harris, E. R. Patterson, C. P. Blankenship, L. M. Massey, J. T. Young.

### Voters Slow in Enrolling.

July 28, just a little more than two weeks, is the last day for enrolling for the primary election. It is hardly expected that the enrollment this year will be as large as that of two years ago, though there is little reason why the enrollment should not be practically the same.

Up to Monday 265 of the 450 Fort Mill voters had enrolled though several have since called on the secretary and added their names to the list. The club secretary does not think the enrollment this year will exceed 400. Two years ago there were nearly 500 names on the club roll and 442 votes were cast in the primary.

The enrollment book is kept open at the store of the Parks Drug company, with Mr. S. W. Parks, the secretary, in charge.

### Safest Fourth in History.

Statistics compiled late Saturday showed that the country enjoyed the quietest Fourth in its history.

The figures are: Dead, 13—by fireworks, 6; by gunpowder, 4; by torpedoes, 2; by revolver, 1.

Injured, 243—by fireworks, 105; by gunpowder, 30; by torpedoes, 5; by toy pistols, 58; by cannon 41; by runaways, 4.

The accidents last year were 32 dead and 1,131 injured. The record this year, due to the increasing "sane Fourth" movement, is less than half of the previous year, and shows but a small proportion of the accidents of a few years ago, when the use of fireworks was unrestricted. The figures for Saturday, however, may be somewhat increased by more complete returns.

### Engineer Easterby Killed.

Passenger train No. 113, due to pass Fort Mill going north at 11:35 a. m., had a head-on collision with a shifting engine going in the opposite direction at 6:13 o'clock Friday morning at Roysters, two miles of Columbia, in which Engineer J. M. Easterby, of the passenger train was caught between the engines and crushed to death. Mr. Easterby's home was at Blacksburg and he was said to be one of the Southern's best engineers. O. B. Collins, of Rock Hill, flagman on the train, sustained painful cuts on the head. The train, fortunately, was running very slow at the time of the collision and there were only a few passengers aboard, none of whom were injured.

## Who Is W. F. Stevenson?

(Political Advertisement.)

Come to the Congressional campaign meeting at Yorkville July 23, Fort Mill, July 23 at night, and McConellsville on July 24 at 11 o'clock, and he will tell you.

What other public service has this Mr. W. F. Stevenson rendered? Well, in a legislative way he was impressed once with the rottenness of the penitentiary (that was while that place was largely inhabited) and he introduced a resolution to investigate, and the bill passed both houses. He was chairman of the committee. The institution was found to be a political institution, loosely run.

The result of the investigation was that the superintendent was found \$11,000.00, more or less, short and was convicted and pardoned. Of that committee, aside from Mr. Stevenson, only one is now in the flesh, Hon. Thos. F. McDow, of Yorkville.

Mr. Stevenson was attorney for the State Dispensary Commission, which by diligent investigation saved nearly a half million dollars for the public schools of South Carolina, and although the commission was confronted and surrounded with litigation in all the courts in the land it never lost a suit, and it won a sweeping victory in the Supreme court of the United States.

He was also author of the move to investigate conditions at the State Hospital for the Insane, and the unanimous report of the committee, in which the good name of one of York's girls—gifted, talented and pure as the best—was not only vindicated but ennobled, has been more widely commended than any other State paper probably which he ever assisted in drawing.

We need a lot of that kind of work at Washington. Give him a chance at it. He doesn't ask for 18 years; he is only asking for two.

(See this column next week.)

### First New Bale of Cotton.

The first bale of 1914 cotton marketed in the United States, weighing 392 pounds, was sold on the Houston, Texas, cotton exchange Saturday for \$500, or \$1.27 1-2 a pound. It classed as strict low middling spotted. It came from Lyford, Texas.

## CHARLOTTE WON RACE; FORT MILL WAS SECOND

The Charlotte Y. M. C. A. team won the inter-city bicycle race Monday, with Fort Mill a close second and Rock Hill some four minutes behind. When the riders passed through Fort Mill, Charlotte was four minutes ahead of Fort Mill and Rock Hill probably 30 seconds behind Fort Mill. Charlotte's lead over Fort Mill was, however, reduced three minutes between this city and Rock Hill, and it was the belief of some that Fort Mill would have won the race except for the fact that the rider for this city was blocked by an automobile near the Catawba bridge.

The teams left Charlotte at 10 o'clock, each bearing a message from the mayor of Charlotte to President Roddey, of the Rock Hill Chamber of Commerce.

The race was won by Charlotte, the time being one hour, fifty-three minutes and 21 seconds. Fort Mill came in a minute and 7 seconds later. Rock Hill was last, being 2 minutes and 45 seconds behind Fort Mill. Sam Templeton finished for Charlotte, Heath Belk for Fort Mill and Lawrence Burrage for Rock Hill. The judges were York Wilson of Rock Hill; Dick Fulp of Fort Mill, and A. L. Fowler, of Charlotte. Nothing happened enroute to the boys, except one of the Charlotte riders rode two miles with a spike in his wheel, and the Fort Mill rider was, as stated, blocked by an automobile.

The Fort Mill boys in the race, and the order in which the rode, were: 1st, Clarence Link; 2nd, James Gaston; 3rd, Malcolm Link; 4th, Ernest Patterson; 5th, Alfred Jones; 6th, Heath Hafner; 7th, Chas. Bennett; 8th, Haile Ferguson; 9th, Odell Kimbrell; 10th, Heath Belk.

The letter to President Roddey follows.

"Dear Sir: As Mayor of the city of Charlotte and in behalf of her citizens I send greetings to you and the people of Rock Hill. Second to my interest in the upbuilding of this city is my interest in the growth and development of the nearby cities and towns. I appreciate the fact that they contribute largely to our development.

"This will be handed you by

### Our Radical Legislature.

The following is taken from the Spartanburg Herald of Thursday:

The Herald has received from Senator B. R. Tillman a copy of a photograph showing the radical members of the South Carolina legislature of 1868. Of 63 members of this body, 50 were negroes or mulattoes, 41 were unable to read or write and 44 paid no taxes.

Senator Tillman writes that he found the picture in Greenville and had it enlarged and framed in order to have one sent to each county, so that the people of South Carolina can see it for themselves.

Under the picture, which it is expected will be hung in every courthouse in the State, appears this inscription:

"Presented by Senator Tillman to the clerk's office in each county of South Carolina as a warning to his fellow citizens of the necessity for white unity.

"Lord God of hosts! be with us yet 'Lest we forget! Lest we forget!'"

### Sign Your Full Name.

In a recent ruling, Governor John Gary Evans, chairman of the State Democratic committee, as to the matter of signing the club roll, said, "I have no hesitancy as a lawyer, in saying that a man, who enrolls his name by his initials, does not comply with the rule of the party nor the decisions of the highest courts in the land." The chairman adds, "I do say that if a man enrolls his full Christian name and his surname and if he has two Christian names and enrolls both Christian names and his surname, there is no power on earth that can prevent that man from voting. He has complied absolutely with the law and nobody can gainsay it. Any other construction would leave the matter open to protest and probably the loss of a vote and therefore I urge our citizens to enroll their full names and take no chances."

one of the participants in the Interstate Relay Bicycle race Charlotte to Rock Hill.

"With kindest personal regards and best wishes, I remain,

"Yours very truly,

"Chas. A. Bland, Mayor."

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